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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE POSITION WITH RESPECT TO SPRATELY ISLANDS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONFIDENTIAL PHILIPPINE CABLE
FROM PHIL UN REP WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO ME BY
FONSEC ROMULO JANUARY 26. BEGIN QUOTE:

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2. MISSION FOLLOWING CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS ON DISPUTE
OVER PARACEL ISLANDS BETWEEN PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
SOUTH VIETNAM. FOLLOWING ARMED ENCOUNTER REPORTED
BY WORLD PRESS, SOUTH VIETNAM PERMANENT OBSERVER
REQUESTED SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. CHINA OPPOSED
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION, CLAIMING IT WAS A
MATTER OF DOMESTIC JURISDICTION SINCE PARACEL ISLANDS ARE
DEEMED PART OF CHINA. AS OF YESTERDAY BOTH THE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL INDICATED
THAT NO REPEAT NO SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS BEING
SCHEDULED.

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3. "AYE CONFERRED WITH DEPUTY CHINESE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE CHUANG YESTERDAY AND INCIDENTALLY TALKED

TO HIM ABOUT PARACELS DISPUTE. HE SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT PEKING GOVERNMENT REGARDS PARACELS AS INTEGRAL PART OF CHINA. HE MADE THE SAME CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO SPRATLY ISLANDS TO WHICH PHILIPPINES HAS CLAIMS OF ITS OWN. CHUANG STATED THAT WHILE CHINA DOES NOT COVET REPEAT DOES NOT COVET AN INCH OF OTHER COUNTRIES TERRITORIES, IT IS PREPARED TO DEFEND ITS RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CHINESE TERRITORIES INCLUDING THE PARACEL AND SPRATLY ISLANDS. MISUNPHIL (NEW YORK 23 JANUARY 1974). CONFIDENTIAL. END QUOTE. SULLIVAN

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